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# WE ARE...MARSHALL®

The Newsletter for Marshall University

December 11, 2019

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## Marshall winter commencement to take place Saturday



Some 1200 students will celebrate the culmination of their higher education Saturday, Dec. 14, as Marshall University marks its 2019 Winter Commencement. The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena and will honor students who graduated in July or August 2019 or are tentatively scheduled to graduate in December.

Doors open at 8 a.m. and attendees are encouraged to arrive early to accommodate security procedures that include walk-through metal detectors and other checks.

Among the 1,205 students, who received, or are about to receive, degrees, are 735 undergraduates and 463 with graduate degrees. About 550 students have indicated they plan to participate in the ceremony. They will be recognized individually, walking to the area in front of the stage where their names will be announced, and they will receive congratulations from President Jerome Gilbert.

Registrar Dr. Sonja Cantrell-Johnson said 235 students will graduate with honors, which means they are graduating with at least a 3.3. grade point average (GPA).

Based on tentative grade point averages, six students will complete their baccalaureate degrees with perfect 4.0 GPAs. They are as follows:

- Mariah Nicole Cook  
Nitro, WV  
College of Health Professions  
B.S.N., Nursing

- Brooke Jordan Hypes  
Cross Lanes, WV  
College of Liberal Arts  
B.A., Political Science
- Emily Makala Morgan  
Fort Gay, WV  
College of Education  
B.A., Secondary Education and English
- Carrington Nicole Napier  
Prichard, WV  
College of Science  
B.A., Criminal Justice
- Scarlett Victoria Scarberry  
Milton, WV  
College of Science  
B.S., Computer and Information Technology
- Rachel Spychalski  
Vienna, WV  
College of Education  
B.A., Elementary Education

Dr. April Fugett, a professor of psychology at Marshall University and recipient of the Reynolds Outstanding Teaching Award last spring, will be the featured speaker. She joined Marshall's faculty in 2008 and has served the university in a variety of academic and administrative positions.

## PARKING

Parking is available in the parking garage on Third Avenue across from the Big Sandy Superstore Arena. Parking in this garage is available on weekends at no charge. In addition, parking is available in the Pullman Square garages for a minimal fee. All three parking garages are in reasonable walking distance of the arena.

## SECURITY

The Big Sandy Superstore Arena and Convention Center has implemented security procedures including walk-through metal detectors for all events

occurring in the building including Marshall University's commencement ceremonies. Graduates and guests should allow additional time to make it through security and find seats before the ceremony begins.

Prohibited items include: illegal drugs or substances, outside food and drink, knives, guns, pepper spray, lasers, glow sticks, fireworks, wallet chains, sharp spiked jewelry, selfie sticks, tripods and umbrellas. For a full list of prohibited items, please visit [www.bigsandyarena.com](http://www.bigsandyarena.com).

## PHOTOGRAPHS

The professional photographer Grad Images ([www.gradimages.com](http://www.gradimages.com)) will e-mail proof information to graduates a few days after the ceremony. Purchase of photographs is entirely optional.

## CEREMONY AVAILABLE ON WEB

The commencement ceremonies will be streamed live on the web. The link will be available on the main Marshall University website at [www.marshall.edu/it/livestream](http://www.marshall.edu/it/livestream).

## COMMENCEMENT VIDEO

As a way of recognizing the achievement by the graduates, a downloadable copy of the commencement ceremony is available, free of charge, courtesy of the MUAA. Graduates can relive this major life milestone by visiting [www.herdalum.com](http://www.herdalum.com) to download a free copy of the commencement ceremony.

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## University community celebrates Memorial Student Center renovation

The Marshall University community gathered Dec. 5 to celebrate the reopening of the Memorial Student Center. Cutting the ceremonial ribbon are, from left, Susan Aylward, Follett regional manager; Cheryl King, Sodexo general manager; Stephanie Rogner, student body president; William “Tootie” Carter, director of business operations of the center, and President Gilbert.





## Important Notice for Time Clock Plus Managers

Due to Marshall's holiday schedule, TCP managers will need to enter and approve clock out times for Thursday and Friday, Dec. 19 and 20, in TCP by **5 p.m. Wednesday, December 18, 2019**. TCP will then close the payroll period at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2019, to allow adequate time to generate the paychecks for the Jan. 3 pay date. **Failure of management to complete the entering and approval of these hours may result in a delay of payment for hours worked on Thursday and Friday.**

If you have any questions please e-mail them to [payroll@marshall.edu](mailto:payroll@marshall.edu). Thank you for your attention to this matter. Happy Holidays!

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## Mullens named to facilitate Recovery Network on seven college campuses



The Alliance for the Economic Development of Southern West Virginia (Alliance) Operations Council Chair Sara Payne Scarbro today announced that the Alliance has hired Susie Mullens as its project coordinator for the new Southern West Virginia Collegiate Peer Recovery Network. This network is supported through a grant totaling more \$320,000 by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Behavioral Health from the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant. Federal SOR grant funding comes from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. These funds will be

used to establish a Southern West Virginia Collegiate Peer Recovery Network, offering peer recovery support services, on seven higher education campuses.

"Susie is a true collaborator and she really has a passion to grow collegiate recovery," Scarbro said. "We are honored to have her join our team to help facilitate connections, build resources in our state and help revitalize our

communities. Collegiate Recovery is critical infrastructure for our state to offer and we are pleased that Susie will help lead this important initiative."

The alliance's Southern West Virginia Collegiate Peer Recovery Network includes the following institutions: BridgeValley Community and Technology College, Bluefield State College, Concord University, Marshall University, Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College, West Virginia Osteopathic School of Medicine and West Virginia State University, working with the following behavioral health centers: Presteria, **Seneca Health** Services and Southern Highlands Community Mental Health.

"I am honored to join the alliance to help expand collegiate recovery in West Virginia because it will make a tremendous difference in the lives of students, their families and the communities where they will establish careers and businesses," Mullens said. "We know that students in recovery who have support on campus graduate at a higher rate and tend to have higher grade point averages. Collegiate recovery is a truly a win for all partners – the student wins, our campuses/institutions win, our community wins and our state wins."

The alliance recognizes that collaboration between service providers and other organizations in delivering services, early intervention and peer recovery support services is vital in meeting individuals' unique needs.

The Alliance for the Economic Development of Southern West Virginia is a joint venture among West Virginia's southern colleges and universities to better connect the educational resources and workforce training offered in southern West Virginia to promote the region, eliminate redundancies and share best practices, improve the quality of life for area residents, create jobs, keep West Virginia's talent pool in the state and revitalize southern communities. Learn more about the alliance and its projects online at <https://www.marshall.edu/aedswv/>



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## Annual Family Holiday Party

Marshall University Board Members, Faculty and Staff,

The holidays are here and we would like to invite you to  
Marshall University's Annual Family Holiday Party.  
We hope you will join us in celebrating this special season!

**WHEN:** Thursday, December 12, 2019  
**TIME:** 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Don Morris Room, Memorial Student Center

*Santa will arrive at the Student Center,  
Don Morris Room at 5:45 p.m.*

### In addition, we invite you to enjoy:

Children's photos with Santa  
Fun crafts and cookie decorating  
Lego presentation  
Food

We look forward to seeing you and your family  
at this holiday event!

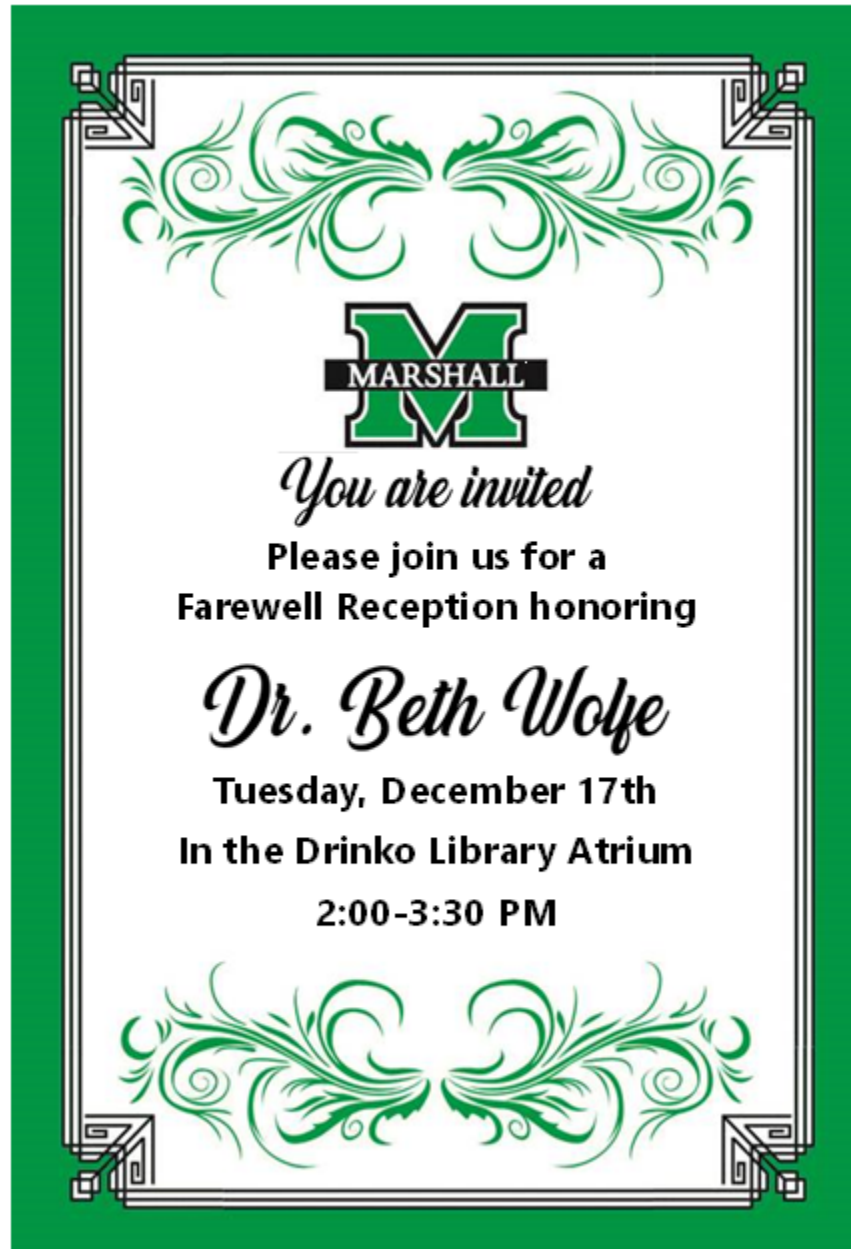
**PRESIDENT JERRY AND LEIGH GILBERT**

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## School of Medicine honors faculty at annual award ceremony



The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine recognized several faculty for their achievements during its annual year-end award ceremony this week.

"Our faculty are our greatest resource," said Darshana Shah, Ph.D., associate dean for faculty

advancement. "These awards recognize their exceptional contributions to our School of Medicine."

Dean Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D, presented his Dean's Awards of Excellence to research and clinical staff in the following categories:

Clinical Care – Kathleen O'Hanlon, M.D., professor of family and community health, has been providing exemplary patient care and serving the needs of our community for more than 25 years.

Research – Jung Han Kim, Ph.D., professor of biomedical sciences, is a well-published and collaborative metabolic disease researcher who has earned competitive funding from multiple federal agencies.

Distinguished Scientist – Uma Sundaram, M.D., professor and vice dean of research and graduate education, is conducting multiple National Institutes of Health-funded studies on gastroenterology-related topics with a significant connection to many of the health concerns in our region and across the country.

Education – Adam Franks, M.D., professor of family and community health, effortlessly teaches his residents and students while providing excellent clinical care to his patients.

The following additional faculty awards were also presented:

- Faculty Impact Award – Stephen M. Petrany, M.D., professor and chair of the department of family and community health
- Excellence in Mentoring – Adrienne M. Mays-Kingston, M.D., associate professor of family and community medicine
- Excellence in Leadership – Susan L. Flesher, M.D., M.S.N., associate professor of pediatrics
- Excellence in Service – James Denvir, Ph.D., associate professor of biomedical sciences
- Excellence in Commitment – Jennie Yoost, M.D., associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology and Beverly Delidow, Ph.D, associate professor of biomedical sciences
- Rural Preceptor of the Year – Scott Davis, volunteer clinical faculty

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*Photo:* Recipients of the 2019 Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Faculty Awards are pictured following a year-end ceremony Dec. 3 at the school. From left to right are Drs. Susan Flesher, Scott Davis, Jung Han Kim, Adrienne Mays, James Denvir, Stephen Petrany, Kathleen O’Hanlon, Adam Franks, Beverly Delidow and Uma Sundaram.

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## June Harless Center partners with Dollywood Foundation for age-appropriate book program



The June Harless Center has partnered with the Dollywood Foundation with a long-term goal of ensuring that every child in West Virginia, birth to age five, has access to age-appropriate books prior to entering school.

The June Harless Center relaunched the WV's Imagination Library program in 2018, expanding into six additional counties. Kids aged 0-5 can now be signed up to get a free book by mail every month. The Imagination Library is more than just a feel-good program: the body of

evidence on early brain development shows the importance of reading to young children. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library changes lives.

"We intend to combat the literacy crisis by delivering books directly to the homes of children," said Brandie Turner, early literacy specialist in the June Harless Center. "WV's Imagination Library allows us to do that, immediately and at a very low cost – less than \$3 per child per month. YOU can give the gift of reading by sponsoring a child for just \$25, which covers an entire year."

Learn more by visiting [www.marshall.edu/juneharless/imaginationlibrary](http://www.marshall.edu/juneharless/imaginationlibrary).

## Notes from the Honors College: seminar proposals and honors option requests

**The proposal deadline for seminars to be scheduled for Fall 2020 or later is Wednesday 29 January 2020.** Seminar proposals are submitted online through forms found on the Teaching Honors page of the Honors College website at <https://www.marshall.edu/honors/teaching/>. The Honors College provides faculty from across the university the opportunity to design and teach seminars on subjects that inspire them and that they may not have the opportunity to teach within their regular teaching duties. Faculty in our seminars will work with outstanding, highly-motivated students to actively explore a subject through an interdisciplinary approach. We believe the Honors College serves as an incubator for pedagogical exploration and innovation that enhances the quality of educational experiences across the university. Our relationship with those who teach for us is a collaborative partnership for a common good. As agreed to by Academic Affairs and the Provost, all teaching credits for our seminars, SCHs and FTEs, are credited to the faculty's academic department.

Accepted seminar proposals are scheduled as Special Topics sections of HON 480, which serves as the core course of the Honors Curriculum. Proposals undergo review by the Honors College Curriculum and Policy Committee at least one semester prior to the semester in which an approved seminar will be offered. For faculty who have previously taught an approved section of HON 480, **repeat** applications and **updated** proposals are due the same day as new proposals. Updated proposals are required for seminars first taught three years ago or taught three times, whichever comes first. Details can be found on our website. Due dates are published each academic year on the Honors College Curriculum and Policy Committee page at <https://www.marshall.edu/honors/teaching/hccap-committee/>.

**Faculty may receive requests from Honors students to complete an "Honors Option"** in Spring 2020 courses that are not honors-designated. H-options are intended to be used in limited instances where they may be necessary for a particular honors student to complete their general honors credit requirements. These students should be advised by the Honors College as to any need for them to complete an h-option. Honors students who need to complete an h-option are expected to propose a detailed plan (referred to as a "contract") in consultation with a faculty mentor (the instructor of the course). Ideally, this consultation begins before the start of the semester in which a student plans to complete an h-option. The contract for an h-option is



one made between the student, the faculty mentor, and the college. We have an online form for student-submitted contract proposals as well as instructions for both students and their faculty mentors. The form and instructions can be found on the Honors College website at <https://www.marshall.edu/honors/forms/>. H-option contract proposals are always due on the second Friday of the semester. **Complete h-option contract proposals for Spring 2020 are due from students via the online submission form no later than Friday 24 January.**

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*Coat Drive*

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- **ACCEPTING** children's sizes 3, 8, 10, 14/16

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# Give Back this Holiday Season!



## A.D. LEWIS CENTER TOY DRIVE NOVEMBER 13TH – DECEMBER 13TH

### Toy Drop Off Locations:

Old Main Room 213  
The LEAD Center (MSC Basement)  
Prichard Hall Room 224  
Drinko Library Atrium



*The A.D. Lewis Center asks to have all toys be NEW and UNWRAPPED  
so one child doesn't get a used toy and another gets a new toy.*

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## TRANS CLOSET *Clothing Drive*

NOVEMBER 22  
THROUGH DECEMBER 13

### DONATION BIN LOCATIONS:

The LGBTQ+ Office - MSC BW14  
The Women's & Gender Office - Old Main 115  
Twin Towers East & West Residence Hall Lobby  
Freshman North & South Residence Hall Lobby

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and appreciated

For more information please contact: Shaunte Polk at [polk4@marshall.edu](mailto:polk4@marshall.edu)  
[www.marshall.edu](http://www.marshall.edu)



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## Faculty Achievement – Dr. Holly Cyphert



Dr. Holly Cyphert, assistant professor of biological sciences, has received final approval for a West Virginia Clinical and Translational Science Institute (WVCTSI) Collaboration Grant for \$50,000. This grant looks to understand the connection among bile acids, microbiota, and diabetes.

WVCTSI is supported by the National Institute Of General Medical Sciences, U54GM104942-04. This project is a collaborative effort with WVU School of Medicine Researcher Dr. Heath Damron (a Marshall Ph.D. alum). In this project, they are looking to understand how bile acids can have positive effects on the gut microbiota and the diabetic condition following diet supplementation. This particular project is the next step to a previous grant Cyphert received regarding how bile acids are changed in people depending on body weight and overall health.

Cyphert has a joint appointment at the MU School of Medicine. Her research program focuses on diabetes and obesity, in addition to neurobiomarkers associated with brain injury.

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## Faculty Achievement – Dr. Saurabh Mehta



Dr. Saurabh Mehta, associate professor and director of scholarship development in the School of Physical Therapy, was recently awarded a \$40,000 research grant from the Foundation for Physical Therapy Research. The grant will support a project titled “A Pilot Randomized Controlled Trial to Assess the Implementation and Outcomes of GLA:D Program in West Virginians Suffering from Osteoarthritis of the Knee.” The project includes co-investigators Dr. Laura Stephens, Dr. Ali Oliashirazi and research nurse Kristie Kelley, R.N. The project will provide vital information which will facilitate efforts to conduct a larger multi-site clinical trial

to assess the effectiveness of the GLA:D program in helping to manage early to moderate knee osteoarthritis.

GLA:D® is an education and exercise program developed by researchers in Denmark for individuals with hip or knee osteoarthritis (OA) symptoms.

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## Outreach staff makes lunch for Ronald McDonald House



On Dec. 2, staff from the Office of Outreach and the Regents Bachelor of Arts (R.B.A.) program fixed a pasta lunch and fresh-baked chocolate chip cookies for those staying at the Ronald McDonald House.

Spearheading the effort was Elizabeth Sheets, one of the academic advisors for the R.B.A. program. She relayed that the volunteers said that the food was well received by the families.

*Photo:* Staff for the Office of Outreach and McDonald Regents Bachelor of Arts Program posing with Ronald McDonald outside the Ronald House in Huntington, West Virginia. Pictured at top, left to right are Elizabeth Sheets and Susan Midkiff, both academic advisors for the Regents Bachelor of Arts program. On the bottom

row, left to right are Pat Campbell, director of dual credit high school programs; Andrew Gooding, director of the Regents Bachelor of Arts program; and Marie Willis, senior administrative secretary for the Office of Outreach.

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## MU student wins in Team Case Competition at Beta Gamma Sigma's 2019 Global Leadership Summit



Lydia Bunner (fourth from left), a junior in the Brad D. Smith Undergraduate School of Business, and her fellow team members from other schools won the case category during the KPMG sponsored Team Case Competition at Beta Gamma Sigma's 2019 Global Leadership Summit (GLS). The team was selected as a winner based on their innovative and creative solution for their assigned business case and the effectiveness of their presentation.

The theme behind the team's assigned case involved ethics and supply chain for a European sporting goods company. Bunner attributed her team's success to their collaborative efforts, "Navigating new team dynamics as well as the issue itself was interesting. I experienced other students' points of views and backgrounds," Bunner said.

Beta Gamma Sigma's annual GLS brings together nearly 400 BGS members to explore their talents while building relationships with fellow leaders from chapters around the world. This year's summit took place October 31-November 3 in Chicago, IL. During the Summit, attendees participate in a carefully cultivated series of leadership sessions designed to build upon each other to culminate in an intensive team competition. "We had the opportunity to listen to multiple amazing speakers on various topics from diverse backgrounds. Strengthening our leadership skills through learning about social emotional intelligence, diversity in the workplace, maximizing our Clifton Strengths, and ethical leadership were just a few of the highlights," said Bunner.

Marshall Chapter Advisor Dr. Ben Eng said, "Just getting invited to join Beta Gamma Sigma is an achievement on its own. Only students with the highest GPAs in the business school receive an invitation to join our chapter. The Global Leadership Summit brings together the best Beta Gamma Sigma students from chapters located all over the world. It's the best of the best and Lydia and her team outcompeted them all. Our students here at the Brad D. Smith Schools of Business are world class and have the business skills to materially change the world for the better."



Marshall Business Dean Dr. Avi Mukherjee noted the importance of Beta Gamma Sigma at the business school and said, "Growing our chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma into an elite chapter has been a strategic priority for our school. Due to the generous support of business school alumni like Jim Datin, we have been able to elevate our chapter to 'highest honors' status for the first time in school history and send students like Lydia to career-transforming experiences like GLS where they can shine."

### **About Beta Gamma Sigma (BGS):**

Established in 1913, Beta Gamma Sigma is an international honor society that operates exclusively for AACSB-accredited business programs. Membership in Beta Gamma Sigma is highly selective, reserved for top students within the top 5% of business schools around the world. Members of Beta Gamma Sigma go on to lead—and even create—some of the largest and most successful companies around the globe. Beta Gamma Sigma has inducted more than 830,000 members worldwide since its founding in 1913. The society is headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri.

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*Photo:* Marshall University student Lydia Bunner (fourth from left) and the rest of her winning team, composed of students from other schools, alongside Bernie Milano (right), board secretary/treasurer of Beta Gamma Sigma and president of the KPMG Foundation.

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The next regular issue of *We Are...Marshall* will be distributed December 18, 2019. Please send items for consideration to [WAMnewsletter@marshall.edu](mailto:WAMnewsletter@marshall.edu) by 5 p.m. Monday, December 16, 2019.

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